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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed modified Form PTO-1449. No inference should be made that the cited references are in fact material, are in fact prior art, or that no better art exists.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent documents listed on the enclosed modified Form PTO-1449 are not attached.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed modified Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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